

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration to all those around him; and

Whereas, the Reverend Richard J. Tillman, M.S.W., has been chosen as a recipient of the Crider Center for Mental Health Award of Distinction, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon him by the Crider Center for Mental Health on February 18, 2005, at the Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles, Missouri; and

Whereas, ordained as a Catholic priest in 1965, Father Tillman received a Master's degree in social work and spent many years working with Catholic Urban Services, the Human Rights Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic Commission for the Handicapped, among other numerous tasks; and

Whereas, in 1989, Father Tillman was assigned to the St. Charles Borromeo Parish, where he serves as Senior Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church; and

Whereas, Father Tillman served on the St. Charles County Homeless Board and was a member of the original group that formed the St. Charles Habitat for Humanity, where he remains active as a member of the Selection Committee responsible for evaluating and recommending recipients of Habitat houses; and

Whereas, Father Tillman distinguished himself by establishing a soup kitchen and responding to residents of Hispanic descent when he began the Misa Espanol service at Borromeo Church; and

Whereas, Father Tillman also played an instrumental role in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service held every year at St. Charles Borromeo Church; and

Whereas, Father Tillman is an uncommon leader who can also be described by his peers as dedicated, devoted, hardworking, and visionary— traits which make true leaders:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Reverend Richard Tillman for his selection to receive the Crider Center for Mental Health Award of Distinction and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Richard J. Tillman, M.S.W.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker